

Annual Report and Review by the Govt. of the working of the Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies for the Year 1995-96

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : I beg to lay on the Table :

- (1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies (Volume I and II), for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.
- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies (Volume- I and II), for the year 1995-96.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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Annual Reports and Review by the Govt. of the working of the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. for the year 1995-96 etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

- (i) Statement regarding Review by the Government of the working of the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi for the year 1995-96.
- (ii) Annual Report of the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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(3) (i) A statement (Hindi and English versions) correcting the reply given on the 24th July, 1997 to Unstarred Question No. 380 by Shri Suresh Prabhu, T. Subbarami Reddy, G.A. Charan Reddy, R. Sambasiva Rao and Yellaiah Nandi, M.P.s regarding setting up of Power Projects with German Assistance and (ii) the reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

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Memorandum of Understanding between Education Consultants India Ltd. and Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development for 1996-97 etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : I beg to lay on the Table:

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions)

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between Education Consultants India Ltd. and the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development for the year 1996-97.

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- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between Education Consultants India Ltd. and Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development for 1997-98.

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- (2) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96

- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(3) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (2) above.

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- (4) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the National Book Trust, India, New Delhi for the year 1995-96 alongwith Audited Accounts.

- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English Versions) by the Government of the working of the National Book Trust, India New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(5) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (4) above.

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Notifications Under Finance Act, 1994 etc.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): On behalf of Shri Satpal Maharaj, I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following Notification's (Hindi and English versions) under, sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act 1994:

- (i) The Service Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 316 (E)

in Gazette of India dated the 6th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum.

- (ii) The Service Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 316 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 6th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum.
- (iii) G.S.R. 347 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 26th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt service tax leviable on an amount equivalent to forty percent of the gross amount charged from the client by the mandap keeper for the services rendered by him in case where the mandap keeper also provides catering services and the bill issued to the keeper also provides catering services and the bill issued to the client indicates that it is inclusive of charges for such service.
- (iv) G.S.R. 348 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 26th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt from the levy of service tax any amount in excess of the commission received by the air travel agent from the airline for booking of passage for travel by air.
- (v) The Service Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 358 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 2nd July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum.
- (vi) G.S.R. 359 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 2nd July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt for the levy of service tax leviable service rendered by a consulting engineer to a client in respect of any project based in a foreign country provided the charges for the same are received in convertible foreign exchange.
- (vii) The Service Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 386 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 11th July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum.

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(2) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) issued under section 88 of the Finance Act, 1997 :

- (i) G.S.R. 315 (E) Published in Gazette of India dated the 6th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to bring into force the provisions of section 88 of the Finance Act, 1997 with effect from the 15th June, 1997 subject to certain specified conditions.

- (ii) G.S.R. 345 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 26th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to bring into force with effect from the 1st July, 1997 the service tax on the taxable services, provided by an air travel agent and a mandap keeper.
- (iii) G.S.R. 357 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 2nd July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to bring into force with effect from the 1st July, 1997 the service tax on the taxable services, provided by the consulting engineer and a manpower recruitment agency.
- (iv) G.S.R. 385 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 11th July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum appointing the 16th July, 1997, as the date on which the service tax on the taxable services, come into force

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(3) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962:

- (i) G.S.R. 349 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97 -Cus., dated the 1st March, 1997 so as to prescribe concessional rates of customs duty on various goods specified therein.
- (ii) G.S.R. 250(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to amend Notification No. 13/97 -Cus., dated the 1st March, 1997.
- (iii) G.S.R. 276 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 26th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt petroleum crude during the period 23rd July, 1996 to 25th May 1997, from so much of the additional duty of customs as is equal to the cess leviable on domestically produced petroleum crude.
- (iv) G.S.R. 322 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 13 July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 11/97-Cus., dated the 1st March, 1997.
- (v) G.S.R. 373(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 9th July 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97 -Cus., dated the 1st March, 1997
- (vi) G.S.R. 272 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 23rd May 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to allow duty free import of gold, gold findings, mountings or

solders under Exim Policy and also to rescind the Notification No. 182/92-Cus., dated the 6th May, 1992.

- (vii) G.S.R. 302 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 3rd June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum regarding exemption to goods mentioned in the table therein when imported into India from the whole of the basic and additional duties of Customs leviable thereon subject to certain conditions.
- (viii) G.S.R. 360 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 3rd July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notifications mentioned therein.
- (ix) G.S.R. 261 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 14th May 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum regarding exemption to almonds from the whole of special duty of custom leviable thereon.
- (x) G.S.R. 262 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 14th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum rescinding the Notification No. 20/97 -Cus. dated the 1st March, 1997.
- (xi) G.S.R. 333 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 20th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to impose anti-dumping duty on the specified catalysts, originating in or exported from Denmark at the rates specified therein depending upon whether the goods are imported under Project Imports.
- (xii) G.S.R. 269(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 11/97 -Cus. dated the 1st March, 1997.
- (xiii) G.S.R. 402 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 11/97 -Cus. dated the 1st March, 1997.
- (xiv) G.S.R. 260 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 14th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to amend Notification No. 42/96 -Cus. dated the 23rd July, 1996 so as to notify Urban Distribution Development projects of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board in Hyderabad and Tirupati towns as projects of national importance so as to extend concessional project assessment rate for import of equipment, machinery etc. for the projects.

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(4) A Copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944:

- (i) The Central Excise (Third Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 239 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st May, 1997, together with an explanatory memorandum.
- (ii) G.S.R. 314 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 6th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 4/97-CE, dated the 1st March, 1997.
- (iii) G.S.R. 329 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 19th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to extend the provisions of section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to cosmetics and toiletries with effect from 1st July, 1997.
- (iv) G.S.R. 330 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 19th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to provide fifty percent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of cosmetics and toiletries is payable.
- (v) G.S.R. 334 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 20th June, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 140/83-CE, dated the 5th May, 1983.
- (vi) G.S.R. 356 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 2nd July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt strips of cupro-nickel and aluminium magnesium when manufactured on job work basis out of wasted and scrap cleared from an India Government Mint.
- (vii) G.S.R. 244 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum prescribing concessional rates of Excise duty on various goods specified therein.
- (viii) G.S.R. 245(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to extend the benefit of SSI exemption scheme to uncut grey woven **weft** pile fabrics of cotton manufactured from unprocessed cotton yarn.
- (ix) G.S.R. 246 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt specify goods from the so much of duty of excise leviable thereon as is in excess of the amount of

duty calculated on the value equivalent to fifty per cent of the maximum retail price declared on the package in which such goods are sold in retail.

- (x) G.S.R. 247 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt additional duty of excise on chewing tobacco.
- (xi) G.S.R. 248 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 7th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to reduce excise duty on fruit juice based drinks.
- (xii) G.S.R. 263 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 14th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 4/97-CE, dated the 1st March, 1997
- (xiii) G.S.R. 264 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 14th May, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum rescinding two Notification memorandum therein.
- (xiv) G.S.R. 389 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 15th July, 1997 containing corrigendum to the Notification No. G.S.R. 145 (E) dated the 12th March, 1997.
- (xv) The Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 376(E) in Gazette of India dated the 9th July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum.
- (xvi) G.S.R. 394 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 16th July, 1997 notifying the Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1997 to come into force on the 16th July, 1997.
- (xvii) G.S.R. 437 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum rescinding four notifications dated the 25th July, 1997 mentioned therein.
- (xviii) G.S.R. 438 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum prescribing with effect from the 1st August, 1997, a rate of Rs. 750 per metric tonne of the annual capacity of production as the duty of excise chargeable on specified ingots and billets of non-alloy steel.
- (xix) G.S.R. 439 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum prescribing with effect from the 1st August, 1997, a rate of Rs. 400 per metric tonne of the annual capacity of production as the duty of excise chargeable on specified ingots and billets of non-alloy steel.
- (xx) G.S.R. 440 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to exempt waste and scrap arising during the manufacture of ingots and billets in an induction furnace unit and hot re-rolled products in a hot re-rolling mill when such units pay duty of excise.
- (xxi) G.S.R. 441 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to prescribe certain specific rates of duty on manufacture of ingots and billets in an induction furnace unit and hot re-rolled products in a hot re-rolling mill.
- (xxii) G.S.R. 442 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the notification No. 38/97-CE, dated the 27th June, 1997.
- (xxiii) G.S.R. 443 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 16/97-CE, dated the 1st April, 1997;
- (xxiv) G.S.R. 444 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum seeking to rescind five notifications dated the 25th July, 1997 mentioned therein.
- (xxv) G.S.R. 445 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum notifying with effect from the 1st August, 1997, ingots and billets of non-alloy steel so as to enable collection of excise duty on these ingots and billets on the basis of the annual capacity of the factory manufacturing.
- (xxvi) G.S.R. 446 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum notifying with effect from the 1st August, 1997, specified hot re-rolled products of non-alloy steel so as to enable collection of excise duty on these products on the basis of the annual capacity of production of the factory manufacturing.
- (xxvii) G.S.R. 449 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum making certain amendments in the Notification No. 5/94-CE, dated the 1st March, 1994.
- (xxviii) The Hot Re-rolling Steel Mills Annual Capacity Determination Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 447 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with explanatory memorandum.

- (xxix) The Central Excise (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 1997 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 448(E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st August, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum.

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(5) A copy of the Customs Tariff (Identification and Assessment of safeguard Duty) Rules, 1997 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. G.S.R. 428(E) in Gazette of India dated the 29th July, 1997 together with an explanatory memorandum, under sub-section (7) of section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

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(6) A copy each of the following Notification (Hindi and English versions) under section 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992:

- (i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Amendment Regulations, 1996 published in Notification No. S.O. 327(E) in Gazette of India dated the 15th April, 1997.
- (ii) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) (Second Amendment) Regulation, 1997 published in Notification No. S.O. 495(E) in Gazette of India dated the 10th July, 1997.

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(7) A copy of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Amendment Rules, 1997 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. G.S.R. 328(E) in Gazette of India dated the 19th June, 1997 together with a corrigendum thereto published in Notification No. G.S.R. 405(E) dated the 25th July, 1997 under sub-section (3) of section 36 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial institutions Act, 1993.

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12.03 hrs.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The Committee on Absence of Member's from the sittings of the House in their Fourth Report presented to the House on 13 August, 1997 have recommended that leave of absence from the sittings of the House be granted to the following Members for the period mentioned against each:

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| 1. | Shri S.D.N.R. Wadiyar | 30.4.97 to 16.5.97 |
| 2. | Shri G. Mallikarjunappa | 21.4.97 and 22.4.97,
and 30.4.97 to 16.5.97 |
| 3. | Shri Anant Kumar Hegde | 23.7.97 to 14.8.97 |

Is it the pleasure of the House that leave as recommended by the Committee be granted?

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS : Yes.

MR. SPEAKER : Leave is granted. The Members will be informed accordingly.

12.03 ¼ hrs.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Minutes

[English]

SHRI SURAJ BHAN (Ambala) : I beg to lay on the Table the Minutes (Hindi and English versions) of the Tenth and Eleventh sittings of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions held during the current session.

1203½ hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Eighth Report

[English]

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (Hooghly) : I beg to present the Eighth Report (Hindi and English versions, of the Estimates Committee on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Forty-Ninth Report (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) - Customs Clearance at International Airports.

12.3 ¾ hrs.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Fifteenth Report

[Translation]

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN (Karad) : Sir I beg to present the Fifteenth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee on Irregular expenditure on local insulation of G.I.Wire.

12.04 Hrs.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL

Report

[English]

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN (Coochbehar) : I beg to present the Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Select Committee on the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 1996.